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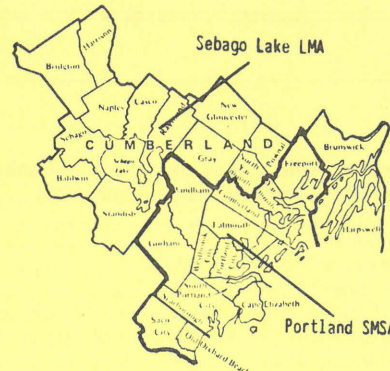
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MANPOWER HIGHLIGHTS

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

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AREA DEFINITIONS AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ECONOMY

- I. According to the preliminary population estimates released by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Cumberland County's population increased by 12.0 percent between 1970 and 1980, or from 192,528 to 215,566.
- II. The United States Department of Labor has deleted the Portland Standard Metropolitan Statistical Area (SMSA) from its list of eligible labor surplus areas. Under the new classification procedures, an area will be classified as a labor surplus area if the unemployment rate is at least 1.20 times the national rate during a reference period. The reference period used for the present list of labor surplus areas is January 1979 through December 1980. The present classification will continue in effect until May 31, 1982, at which time a new determination will be made.

LABOR FORCE, EMPLOYMENT, AND UNEMPLOYMENT

Area 1/	Labor Force 2/			Resident Employed			Unemployment Number			Unemployment Percent of Labor Force		
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago
Maine (in 000's) ..	517.7	500.0	514.3	477.8	463.3	474.3	39.9	36.7	40.0	7.7	7.3	7.8
Portland SMSA	93,200	91,100	92,600	87,400	85,700	86,800	5,800	5,400	5,800	6.2	5.9	6.3
Sebago Lake LMA	11,510	10,710	11,230	10,620	9,940	10,260	890	770	970	7.7	7.2	8.6

1/ Labor force, employment, and unemployment data for all areas are not seasonally adjusted. Estimates made independently for each sub-state area have been benchmarked to and extrapolated from six-month moving averages of the Current Population Survey. All data adjusted to a place of residence basis.

2/ This month and last month figures are preliminary; year-ago figures are revised.

NONFARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT BY PLACE OF WORK

PORTLAND SMSA

Item	Number of Workers 1/			Net Change to Current Month from		Percentage Change to Current Month from	
	This Month	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Month	Year Ago	Last Month	Year Ago
Nonfarm Wage and Salary Employment 2/	95.5	93.5	94.6	+2.0	+0.9	+ 2.1	+ 1.0
Manufacturing	18.5	18.5	18.9	0.0	-0.4	0.0	- 2.1
Food and Kindred Products	2.7	2.6	2.5	+0.1	+0.2	+ 3.8	+ 8.0
Apparel and Other Finished Products	0.4	0.5	0.5	-0.1	-0.1	-20.0	-20.0
Lumber and Wood Products, Furniture and Fixtures	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.0	+0.1	0.0	+25.0
Printing, Publishing, and Allied Industries	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.0	+0.1	0.0	+ 9.1
Leather and Leather Products	3.5	3.5	3.4	0.0	+0.1	0.0	+ 2.9
Fabricated Metal Products	2.3	2.3	2.6	0.0	-0.3	0.0	-11.5
Machinery, except Electrical	2.1	2.1	2.4	0.0	-0.3	0.0	-12.5
Electrical Machinery	2.0	2.0	1.9	0.0	+0.1	0.0	+ 5.3
Transportation Equipment	0.3	0.4	0.6	-0.1	-0.3	-25.0	-50.0
All Other Manufacturing	3.5	3.4	3.5	+0.1	0.0	+ 2.9	0.0
Nonmanufacturing	77.0	75.0	75.7	+2.0	+1.3	+ 2.7	+ 1.7
Contract Construction	4.5	4.0	4.0	+0.5	+0.5	+12.5	+12.5
Transportation, Communication, Electric, and Gas Services	5.6	5.4	5.6	+0.2	0.0	+ 3.7	0.0
Wholesale and Retail Trade	26.5	25.8	25.7	+0.7	+0.8	+ 2.7	+ 3.1
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	7.8	7.7	7.4	+0.1	+0.4	+ 1.3	+ 5.4
Service and Other Nonmanufacturing	20.3	19.9	20.2	+0.4	+0.1	+ 2.0	+ 0.5
Government	12.3	12.2	12.8	+0.1	-0.5	+ 0.8	- 3.9
Persons Involved in Labor-Management Disputes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

1/ Figures in thousands. This month and last month figures are preliminary; year-ago figures are revised.

2/ Refers to persons on establishment payrolls for any part of the pay period which includes the 12th of the month. Excludes persons involved in labor-management disputes, domestics in private households, nonfarm self-employed individuals, and unpaid family members.

LABOR SUPPLY AND DEMAND DATA

ACTIVE APPLICANTS AND UNFILLED JOB OPENINGS IN SELECTED OCCUPATIONAL GROUPS

Occupations	Job Applicants	Openings Received
TOTAL.....	4,488	232
Professional, Technical, and Managerial Occupations.....	544	41
Clerical and Sales Occupations.....	1,045	63
Clerical.....	774	25
Sales.....	271	38
Service Occupations.....	733	25
Domestic Services.....	25	2
Food and Beverage Preparation and Service.....	351	14
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, and Related Occupations.....	70	0
Agricultural.....	54	0
Fishery.....	9	0
Forestry and Related.....	7	0
Processing Occupations.....	67	16
Machine Trades Occupations.....	307	24
Benchwork Occupations.....	206	23
Structural Work Occupations.....	774	28
Miscellaneous Occupations.....	703	12
Motor Freight and Transportation.....	211	4
Packaging and Materials Handling.....	461	4

Source: Employment Security Automated Reporting System, Table 96. (Current Month.)

SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED (CUMBERLAND COUNTY)

<u>Sex</u>	<u>Insured Unemployed Percent Distribution</u>
Male.....	55.0
Female.....	45.0

<u>Industry of Separation</u>	
Contract Construction.....	13.8
Manufacturing.....	29.7
Retail Trade.....	20.9
Services.....	18.7
All Other.....	16.9

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Unemployment Insurance Claims Drop in the Local Area

For the Portland Local Office, June was the second consecutive month in which the number of claims filed for regular unemployment insurance (UI) benefits declined over the year. Continued claims decreased by a slight 1.0 percent to 8,542. More significantly, however, initial claims for UI benefits dropped by 42.7 percent, an even larger fall than in May.

In Cumberland County, this decline affected an over-the-year drop of approximately 7.5 percent in the number of weeks of full UI benefits paid in June. The drop in the number of persons separated from jobs was fairly widespread among industries. In particular though, construction, transportation and public utilities, and the services group have shown the improved strength and stability which have contributed to the decline in unemployment insurance claims. Set against this trend is retail trade, where general merchandise stores, food stores, clothing stores, and miscellaneous trade are the industries of separation for an increased number of the County's unemployed.

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